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**T**hanksgiving is a time for Family and friends. Make this year's Thanksgiving a get-a-way in the out skirts of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield or right here in your backyard. From the staff at Quality Time, Happy Thanksgiving!



**If you have questions, comments  
or story ideas, call the Q.T. Staff at:  
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# Commander's Letter



November is the month that begins a season especially made for Families. This year, when we celebrate Veterans; and especially Thanksgiving Day, let's remember how much we have to be thankful for as Americans. Today's Soldiers and their Families know as well as our ancestors what it means to fight for freedom. In honor of the service and sacrifices of America's heroes, past and present, I challenge you to use this month to remember them proudly while being humbly thankful for the providence that has protected and blessed this nation for 232 years.

Use the long weekends you'll have this month to take your Family to see and enjoy the many activities and events taking place right here in our community or within a few hours drive. Start November off with the **MWR Fall Fest**, Nov. 1 at the intersection of Hero Rd. and 6th St. across from Club Stewart. Then celebrate Thanksgiving early with a fabulous **Thanksgiving Feast Sunday Brunch**, Nov. 2 at Club Stewart and Nov. 9 at Hunter Club. Enjoy the same roast turkey, dressing and all the trimmings you'd fix at home but with someone else doing all the work.

Another opportunity for a great meal is available Nov. 8 at Club Stewart or Nov. 16 at Hunter Club. This time be sure to bring the kids so they can have **breakfast with their favorite fairytale characters**. After the Nov. 8 breakfast, you can take the whole Family to the Savannah Civic Center to see **Disney on Ice** with transportation provided by the Leisure Travel office.

Also happening Nov. 8 is **RiceFest 2008** at Riceboro, Ga. It's a chance to remember the Geechee culture with historic exhibits and demonstrations while sampling the prize-winning rice dishes. If you don't mind a short drive down to Cordele, Ga., celebrate Veterans Day a little early at the **State Veterans Park**, also Nov. 8. This year's celebration will remember our World War II veterans with a model airplane fly-in and a model boat show.

Hunters, fishermen and outdoorsmen of all ages may want to drive down to Kissimmee, Fla. for **The Great Outdoor Fest**, Nov. 8 - 9. In addition to live concerts and an endless assortment of outdoor sports equipment, there will be boat shows, casting competitions and a kids' fishing derby.

Later in the month, take the Family to Myrtle Beach, S.C. and enjoy a **Dickens Christmas Show and Festival**, Nov. 13 - 16 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Go back in time to the world of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with London's 19th century row houses, strolling minstrels and singing carolers.

But if you'd rather stick closer to home, take a short drive down to **Waycross, Ga.**, the home of the Great Okefenokee Swamp. It's a place of many natural wonders and Family-fun adventures. See the Waycross feature article on pages 18, 20-21.

Finish out the month of November by taking the Family to see **The Nutcracker** at the Savannah Civic Center, Nov. 29. This classic ballet has been a Family favorite for generations.

There's so much to do this month. Plan to see and do as much as you can with your Family. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

## "Rock of the Marne"



Colonel Todd Buchs  
Garrison Commander

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield

The background of the main text area features a light beige or cream color with several overlapping autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. The leaves are scattered across the top and sides, creating a seasonal feel.

# Join in MWR *Family Fall Fest* - Nov. 1

Fall Fest will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. across from Club Stewart in the open grass area at the intersection of Hero Road and 6th Street. There will be games and activities for the whole Family. Come out and join MWR for a fun afternoon and visit the Officers Spouses Club Bazaar being held inside Club Stewart. If you attended last year's event, you will not want to miss this year's Family Fall Fest.

**Call 767-4316/8609 for more information.**



## Ongoing MWR Events

### Monday thru Friday

#### Toddler Time

Toddlers 5 and under are invited to play at Cypress Sam's Treehouse, Building 449, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., when noise is at a minimum. The cost is \$1 per child and socks are required. Call 767-4273 for details.

### Mondays, Thursdays

#### Discount Bowling

Spouses and dependents of deployed Soldiers can bowl three free games from 1 to 9 p.m. at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, Building 450. Shoe rental is \$1 and all others, \$1.75. Call 767-4273 for more information.

### Tuesdays, Thursdays

#### Zumba at Tominac

Zumba is a great fat-burning, total-body toning workout at Tominac's aerobics room, Building 919, from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person. Call 315-2019 if you're interested.

### 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

#### Ballroom Dancing

Learn the Foxtrot, Waltz, Rumba, Cha-cha, Meringue and Swing. No partner is necessary to participate and there is no charge. Class is from 7:15 to 9 p.m. at Tominac Fitness Center Aerobics Room, Building 919. Call 315-2019 for more information.

# Community Highlights

## ----- for November

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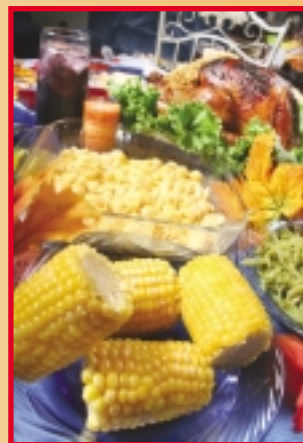
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The menu features *breakfast items, roast turkey, cornbread dressing, carved baked ham, baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, candied yams, collard greens, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie, plus chocolate fountain* and

*assorted desserts.* The cost is \$14.95 per person, children ages 5 to 10 are half price and under 5 are free. Call

368-2212 at Club Stewart or 459-

7923 at Hunter Club for more information.



**BRUNCH**  
*Specials*

National Housewife Day \_\_\_\_\_ Nov. 3

Corkan Family Fun Center recognizes the efforts of stay-at-home moms with matinee rates on roller skating from 3 to 9 p.m. The \$2.50 cost includes skate rental fees. Call 767-9884 for more information.

**Celebrate National Nacho Day** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov. 6**

Celebrate National Nacho Day by paying only \$1 for all nachos ordered from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Stewart Lanes snack bar, Building 450, and at Corkan Family Fun Center concession stand, Building 449. Call 767-4273 or 767-9884 for more information.

**Eat with fairytale characters** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov. 8, Nov. 16**

Take the Family to a fairytale characters buffet-style breakfast 9 to 11 a.m., Nov. 8 at Club Stewart and Nov. 16 at the Hunter Club. Cinderella and Snow White will be there. The cost for Stewart-Hunter is \$10 per child ages 1 to 10 and \$12 each for others. Call the Stewart Leisure Travel office at 767-2841/8609 for information.

**See Disney on Ice after breakfast** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov. 8**

After the breakfast at Club Stewart on Nov. 8, go see a matinee performance of *Disney on Ice* at the Savannah Civic Center. A \$16 per person military discounted price includes bus transportation. The bus leaves Fort Stewart at 1 p.m. and Hunter Army Airfield at 2 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show Nov. 8. Children ages 1 and up need a ticket. Call Leisure Travel offices at Stewart at 767-2841/8609 or at Hunter at 315-3674 for more information.

**Compete in Dodge Ball Tournament** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov. 8**

Double elimination dodge ball tournament begins at noon, with prizes awarded to the top three teams. Teams are comprised of six to ten players. There is no charge. Open to active duty military, Family Members (age 18 and older), retirees and DOD civilians. Call 315-2019 or email [eli.wilson1@us.army.mil](mailto:eli.wilson1@us.army.mil) for more details on how to register.

**Observe Veterans Day at Corkan** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov. 11**

All Corkan Family Recreation facilities will honor the sacrifices of Soldiers young and old with one free game/admission for veterans to any of its facilities from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Corkan Family Recreation will be operating on a holiday schedule this day. For more information, call 767-6708.

**Remember World Kindness Day** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nov. 13**

Celebrate World Kindness Day with the first person paying regular roller skating price, and we will let your guest in at half-price from 3 to 7 p.m. What a way to reward a friend at Corkan Family Fun Center, Building 449. For more information, call 767-9884.

**Ongoing MWR Events****Fridays****Teen nite at Corkan**

Corkan Family Fun Center, Building 449 is the place to be for teens (ages 13 to 18) from 8 to 11 p.m. One flat, \$25-per-person fee on "Teen Nite" includes all the roller skating and laser tag you can play (climbing room not included). Remember to ask your mom and dad for permission. Call 767-9884.

**Saturdays****Youth roller skating classes**

Here's a chance for youngsters (ages 4 to 7) to learn to skate. Come to the Corkan Family Fun Center, Building 449, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and let us teach you the basics of roller skating. The \$5 per session cost includes skate rental. Call 767-9884.

**Adults nite at Corkan**

Corkan Family Fun Center, Building 449, is the spot for adults (ages 18 and older) from 9 p.m. to midnight. The \$25 per person flat fee includes the roller skating, laser tag and climbing room. ID will be required. Call 767-9884.

**First and Last Sunday****Stewart Lanes red pin bowling**

A favorite is back at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, Building 450 from 6 to 9 p.m. If the red pin comes down in the "one" position, notify a staff member, roll a strike and win a free game. Cost is \$2.25 per game/person and \$1.75 shoe rental. Call 767-4273.

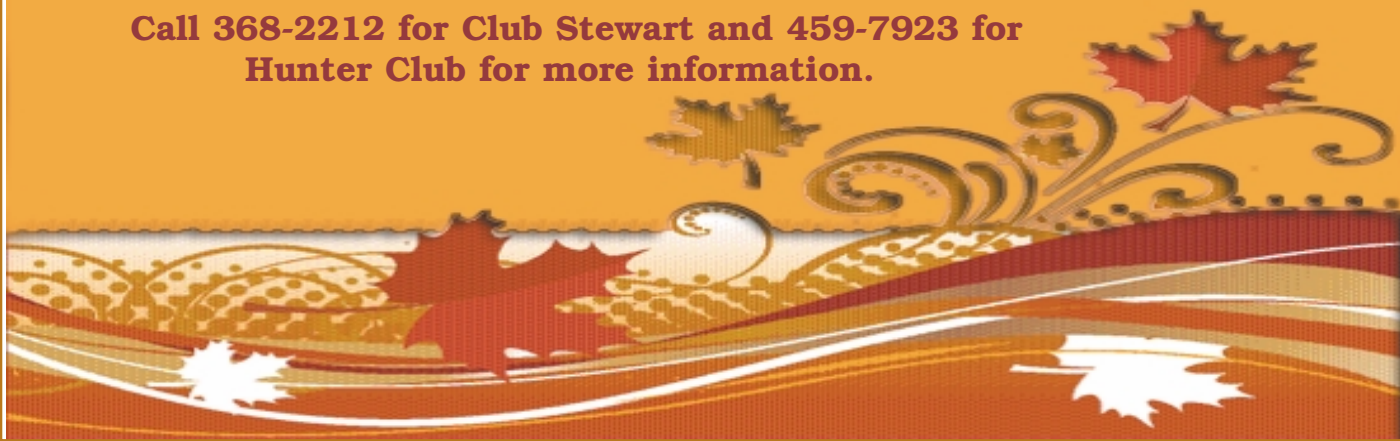




# Thanksgiving Feast Sunday Brunch

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**Call 368-2212 for Club Stewart and 459-7923 for  
Hunter Club for more information.**



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Nov. 15 \_\_\_\_\_

**Watch or compete in B-ball Tourney**

The action starts at 10 a.m. for this single-elimination, 3 on 3 basketball tournament and 3-point contest at the Tominac Fitness Center, Building 919 at Hunter. There is no charge to enter. Awards will be presented to the winners of the 3 on 3 and 3-point contest. Open to active duty military, Family Members ages 18 and up, retirees and DOD civilians. Call 315-2019 or email [eli.wilson1@us.army.mil](mailto:eli.wilson1@us.army.mil) for details and registration.

Nov. 16 \_\_\_\_\_

**Have a Party with your Bear Day**

Celebrate this national day with free shoe rental from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. when you bring your teddy bear to party with you at Stewart Lanes Bowling Center, Building 450. Call 767-4273 for more information.



Nov. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

**Register for beginner weight training**

Orientation class begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Tominac Fitness Center, Building 919 at Hunter. The free class focuses on basic principles of weight training and equipment. Open to active duty military, Family Members ages 18 and up, retirees and DOD civilians. Participants must call 315-2019 to register.

Nov. 20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Celebrate Universal Children's Day**

Celebrate this national day at Corkan Family Recreation Area. All children under the age of 18 get half-price admission per game from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at all Corkan facilities. Call 767-6708 for more information.

Nov. 28 \_\_\_\_\_

**Hunt for turkey eggs**

To celebrate this national holiday, Corkan

Family Fun Center, Building 449 will have a "Turkey Egg Hunt." There are a lot of turkey eggs filled with great candy treats for children. We will hide the eggs in the gym and let the little ones up to 5 years old find them. The event is from 10 to 11 a.m. Take an additional \$1 off all nachos purchases at Stewart Lanes snack bar and Corkan Family Fun Center concession stand. Call 767-9884 for more information.

Nov 23; Nov 28-30 \_\_\_\_\_

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See Jacksonville Jaguars and Minnesota Vikings battle it out on the field of glory. Ticket costs for section 219 are \$47 and section 438 are \$38, plus \$10 per person for bus transportation. Get your tickets at Stewart or Hunter Leisure Travel offices. Call 315-3674 at Hunter or 767-8609 at Stewart.

**Orlando, Fla. Trip**

Take a trip with us to Orlando, Fla. Enjoy a dinner show at Disney's Arabian Nights Friday night. On Saturday, choose from either Disney World or Sea World in Orlando or Busch Gardens in Tampa. Sea World or Busch Gardens tickets are free for one active duty service member and three immediate Family Members if they have not already been to Busch Gardens or Sea World in 2008.

If you are interested in the Orlando trip, the cost is \$275 for one to four people per room and includes bus transportation. Attraction admission tickets, food and souvenirs at individual's cost. Call your Leisure Travel offices 767-2841 for Stewart or 315-3674 for Hunter to schedule your next Family getaway.





# Area November Happenings



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Nov. 1

## Celebrate autumn Gullah style

**Daufuskie Island, S.C.** – Come celebrate fall at our Family friendly event, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend your day enjoying local island food, live entertainment, and arts and crafts. Be sure to stop by the Gullah/Geechee Welcome Area. Make plans to take a guided Gullah tour by a 5th generation Daufuskian. Then join our traditional grand finale around the "Festival Bonfire," enjoying roasted oysters and a live concert. Admission is \$5 for adults; children under 12 are free. There is an additional cost for the grand finale event. Also, Daufuskie Island Ferry is \$40 for adults, \$20 for children 6 to 11. Go to [www.daufuskie360.net](http://www.daufuskie360.net) for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 north of Hardeeville, S.C., turning east on U.S. 278 at exit 8. Take U.S. 278 toward Hilton Head, turning north on Squire Point Rd. to the Daufuskie Island Ferry. **#1 on Map**

Nov. 8

## Remember the Geechee Culture

**Riceboro, Ga.** – Celebrate the Geechee culture during Ricefest 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Riceboro City Hall. There will be a rice cook off, historical exhibits and demonstrations, local entertainment, children's activities and hourly

prize giveaways. Admission and parking are free. Call 912-884-2986 or 695-0481 for more information. **Directions:** Take U.S. 84 north to Midway, Ga. At U.S. 17, turn south to Riceboro. Watch for signs to the festival. **#2 on Map**



## Pay Tribute to Veterans at Veterans Park

**Cordele, Ga.** – Celebrate this Veterans Day at the Georgia Veterans State Park. The whole Family will enjoy a living history of World War II with a model airplane fly-in and model boat show, starting at 1 p.m. Ceremony will kick off with bagpipes and drums, a color guard and guest speaker. Admission is free and parking is \$3. Call 229-276-2371 for more information.

**Directions:** Take Ga. 144 to Glennville then Ga. 23 to Reidsville. From Reidsville, take U.S. 280 west to Cordele. Just west of town, look for signs directing you to Georgia Veterans State Park. **#3 on Map**

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# November Community Calendar

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**8 Celebrate the outdoors at The Great Outdoor Fest**  
**Kissimmee, Fla.** – The whole Family will enjoy this two-day festival that includes concerts, fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation vendors, wildlife artists, conservation and environmental exhibits and a kids' fishing derby. Admission and parking are free. Call 407-847-5000 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 to Daytona Beach then take I-4 to Orlando. At exit 80 just south of Orlando, take U.S. 441 south to Kissimmee. Take Broadway Ave. to Emmett St. then the John Young Parkway south to West Clay St. Follow signs to Osceola Park.

**13 Come watch a Dickens Christmas Show and Festival**  
**Myrtle Beach, S.C.** – Tis' the season for Dickens, an authentic re-creation of 19th century London with all the color, warmth and merriment of Christmas depicted in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, including London row houses, strolling minstrels, Christmastime finery and unique treasures. Enticing aromas of festive foods and sounds of carolers fill the air. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (2-12). Call 843-448-9483 for more information. **Directions:** Take I-95 north to Florence, S.C. then take U.S. 501 East to U.S. 17 at Myrtle Beach. Look for direction signs to the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.



**29 Enjoy The Nutcracker**  
**Savannah, Ga.** – Bring the whole Family to see this classic ballet, The Nutcracker, performed by the Columbia City Ballet at the Savannah Civic Center, starting at 5 p.m. This two-act ballet includes memorable musical scores by composer Peter Tchaikovsky, like the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$42. Children 2 and older must have a ticket. For more information, call 651-6556. **Directions:** Take I-16 E to Montgomery St. exit; take right onto Liberty St.; Civic Center is on the left.

**2 Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast at Club Stewart**  
The Thanksgiving Feast Sunday Brunch will be held at Club Stewart from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., featuring *breakfast items, roast turkey, cornbread dressing, carved baked ham, baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, candied yams, collard greens, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie, plus chocolate fountain and assorted desserts.* Cost is \$14.95 per person, children (ages 5-10) half price and (under 5) free. For more information, call 368-2212.

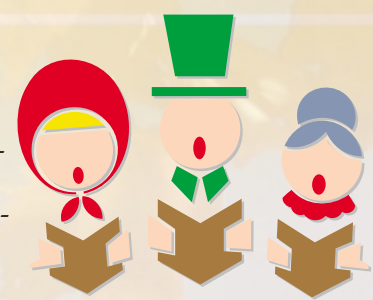


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**9 Enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast at Hunter Club**  
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**22 "Come and take it!"; Revolutionary War Encampment**  
**Midway, Ga.** – Experience colonial history with a visit to Fort Morris Historic Site, commemorating Col. John McIntosh's defiant, Nov. 25, 1778 reply to a British demand for surrender, "Come and Take It!" There will be colonial musket and cannon drills, a small skirmish and more. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.75 for children. For more information, call 884-5999. **Directions:** Take U.S. 84 to Midway then take Sunbury Rd.



## December Highlights

### Dec. 2

**White Lighting Ceremony**  
**St. Marys, Ga.** – A walking parade will proceed down Osborne St., with Santa and Mrs. Santa leading the way. The parade ends at the Waterfront, and the city Christmas tree is lit. Admission and parking are free. Call 800-868-8687 for more information.

**Dec. 13**  
**Tybee Christmas Parade**  
**Tybee Island, Ga.** – Bring the kids to a Family-fun, Christmas-themed parade, starting at 3 p.m. The parade ends at Memorial Park, followed by a children's Christmas Party. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 912-786-5444.



# Spend a day with Fairy Tale Characters

**Nov. 8**  
at Stewart

**Nov. 16**  
at  
Hunter Club

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**Call the Stewart Leisure Travel office  
at 767-2841/8609 for more information.**

## See Disney on Ice -Nov. 8

**A**fter the breakfast at Club Stewart on **Nov. 8**, go see a matinee performance of *Disney on Ice* at the Savannah Civic Center. A \$16 per person military discounted price includes bus transportation from Fort Stewart or Hunter Army Airfield. The bus leaves the Stewart Leisure travel office at 1 p.m. and The parking lot across from the Hunter post exchange at 2 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show **Nov. 8**. Children ages 1 and up need a ticket.

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# Leisure Travel Opportunities

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## Nov 28-30

### Disney/Sea World/Busch Gardens Trip

Take a trip with us to Orlando, Fla. Friday night enjoy a dinner show at Disney's Arabian Nights. On Saturday, choose from either Disney World or Sea World in Orlando or Busch Gardens in Tampa. Sea World and Busch Gardens are free for one active duty service member and three immediate Family Members if they have not already been to Busch Gardens or Sea World in 2008. Discount Disney World tickets available through Leisure Travel.

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Nov. 8-9

**Hang out at The Great Outdoor Fest**

**Kissimmee, Fla.** – The whole Family will enjoy this two-day, action-packed festival that includes daily concerts by headline entertainers, fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation vendors, wildlife artists, conservation and environmental exhibits, a boat show, casting competitions, a kids' fishing derby, cardboard boat races, and much more. Admission and parking are free. Call 407-847-5000 for more information.

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Nov. 13-16

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Nov. 22

**"Come, take it!" Revolution encampment**

**Midway, Ga.** – Experience colonial history with a visit to Fort Morris Historic Site. This American Revolution encampment commemorates Col. John McIntosh's defiant reply, Nov. 25, 1778 to a British demand for surrender, "Come and Take It!" There will be various colonial demonstrations, musket and cannon drills,

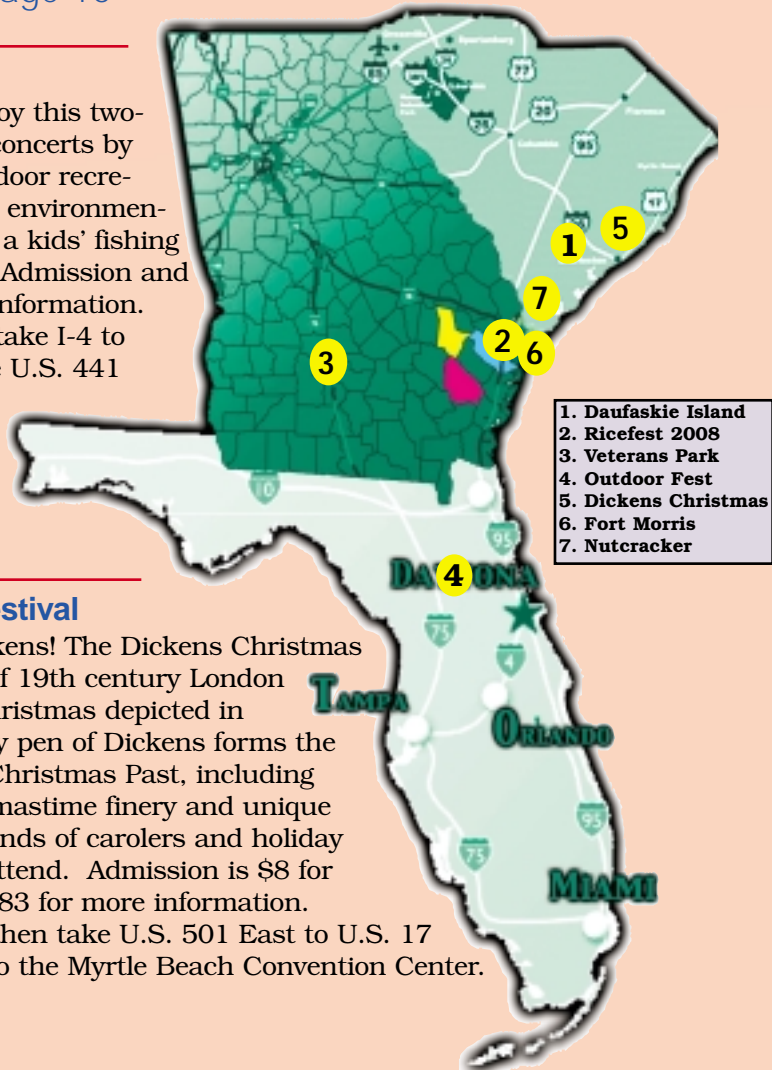
a small skirmish and more. Interpreters in historical attire will represent a variety of colonial life, including Soldiers, civilians and camp followers. Admission is \$3 for adults, and \$1.75 for children. For more information, call 884-5999. **Directions:** Take U.S. 84 to Midway then take Sunbury Rd. to Fort Morris Historic Site. **#6 on Map**

Nov. 29

**Come watch "The Nutcracker"**

**Savannah, Ga.** – Bring the whole Family and especially the kids to watch Alexander Dumas' version of the classic ballet, *The Nutcracker*, performed by the Columbia City Ballet at the Johnny Mercer Theater (Savannah Civic Center). Show starts at 5 p.m. This two act ballet is packed with memorable musical scores by composer Peter Tchaikovsky, including the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." All seats are reserved, with ticket prices ranging from \$20 to \$42.

Children two and older must have a ticket. For more information or to get tickets, call 651-6556. **Directions:** Take I-16 E to Montgomery St. exit; take right onto Liberty St.; Civic Center is on the left. **#7 on Map**



# **Marne Week 2008**

## **3rd ID's 91st Birthday celebration**

**Join us for the Marne Week kick off with  
The Division Run, Monday  
then Friday for the Closing Ceremony.**

### **List of Events**

**Carnival • Concert • Basketball • Flag Football •  
1 mile/5k Fun Run • Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart  
Scramble Softball • Skeet shoot • Stretcher run  
Combatives • Biathlon • Truck rodeo**



**Nov 17-22**





# Waycross, Ga: Home of the Land of Trembling Earth

**Commentary by Randy Murray**  
*Editor*

**I**t's little more than an hour's drive south of Hinesville on U.S. 84, but Waycross, Ga. is a small town with lots Family-fun adventures that make it well worth the drive. It's the home of the Great Okefenokee Swamp, which the Seminoles called "Land of Trembling Earth" for the instability of the "peat" found throughout the swamp. Walking on peat – partly decomposed vegetable matter – is a little like walking on Jell-O®.

The town is located at the intersections of U.S. 84, U.S. 82, U.S. 23 and U.S. 1, along with other

major highways and the railroad, all at the northern tip of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge's 438,000 acres represent the largest wilderness swamp in the U.S. But technically, it's not a true swamp because it's the source of both the Suwannee and St. Marys Rivers. I think, whether you call it a swamp or a swamp-marsh is immaterial, should you find yourself up to your elbows in alligators and cottonmouth mocasins as the pioneers of 1820 did when they first established a town at a stagecoach junction, which eventually became a railroad center. They called it Old Nine or Number Nine then later Tebeauville then finally Waycross.

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# 2008 Holiday Coastal Cottage

**Come to Midway, Ga. and get some holiday decoration ideas by visiting the 2008 Holiday Coastal Cottage. Tours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday to Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. each Sunday through Dec. 14. The \$10 tickets benefit the United Way of the Coastal Empire. The cottage is more than your average show home. Directions: I-95 Southbound to exit 76 (Midway/Sunbury), turn LEFT (East) on Islands Highway, and travel 10 miles to Yellow Bluff. Turn right into Yellow Bluff entrance.**

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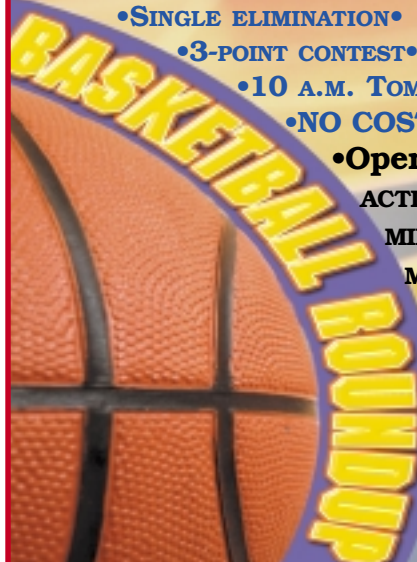
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The railroad still has a major influence on the town, being its largest employer, yet the town is diverse in its population and its attractions. In addition to the attractions discussed below, there's a dual use football and minor baseball league stadium. Oh, I should mention that Waycross has a mall, though I personally wouldn't call shopping a Family-fun activity. Now *restaurants*, that's quality time! In separate trips to Waycross, my wife, youngest daughter and I discovered two great ones, *Jerry J's Country Café* and *Hog-N-Bones BBQ*. Both serve home-style, Southern fried (smoked or grilled) meats and seasoned vegetables with homemade desserts. You can pig out at one of these or from scores of other restaurants, then walk it off in the mall or one of many nature trails.

- *The Hatcher Point (Waycross) Mall*, located at 2215 Memorial Dr. includes Belk, Goody's and J.C. Penny. Nearby is a Goody's, Lowes, Wal Mart and other stores.

- *Southern Forest World Museum* is located at 1440 N. Augusta Ave. (912-285-4056). This museum traces the history of the timber industry in the Okefenokee area and includes exhibits like "Stucky," a mummified dog found in the hollow of a tree. There's also a spiral stairwell built inside a large pine tree. Open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tues. to Sat. Admission is \$3, children under 5 free.

- *Okefenokee Heritage Center* is located at 1460 N. Augusta Ave. (912-285-4260). Open 10 a.m. to 4:30

p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is \$3, children under 5 free. It includes exhibits displaying the influences of Native and African-Americans as well as early pioneers. There's a steam locomotive exhibit and a special "Sacred Heart" Gospel Sing exhibit.

- *Obediah's Okefenok* farmstead is the 1880's homestead of Henry Obediah Barber, located about eight miles south of town on U.S. 1 (912-287-0090). In addition to the restored 130-year old farmhouse cabin, barns, smokehouse, grist mill, sugar cane mill and moonshine still, there's an original two-seater outhouse. There are also animal exhibits, a picnic area and hiking trails, including a 1,400-foot boardwalk. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon. to Sat. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$3 for children (6-17).

- *Okefenokee Swamp Park* is a locally owned and operated park located about eight miles south of Waycross on

U.S. 1 (912-283-0583). The park includes an "Eye on Nature" wildlife show (snakes and gators), a swamp creatures area (alligators, otters and turtles), a quarter-mile long boardwalk straight into the swamp, a nature center and the Okefenokee Railroad Tour, a 1.5 mile railroad system through the swamp, which includes a stop at Pioneer Island. Boat tours into the swamp are also available at additional costs (starting at \$16/person). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. General admission is \$12 for adults, \$11 for children (3-11). Active duty military, \$11.







• *Laura S. Walker State Park* is also located about eight miles south of Waycross on U.S. 1 (912-287-4900). This 626 acre park includes a 120-acre lake, perfect for boating or fishing. You'll find fishing docks and boat ramps, as well as canoe rental. There is a seasonal pool and year-round playground, over 40 tent, trailer or RV campsites, five group shelter campsites and nine picnic shelters. There are over three miles of hiking trails, one a loop trail going into the swamp that includes a long boardwalk, and one that follows along the edge of the lake. Saw palmettos line either side of the loop trail like a green wall. Several pine trees reveal the scars of an old pine tar operation – 6-inch wide, 6-foot long strips of bark cut out with a thin, v-shaped metal plate inserted into the trunk. Pine tar or rosin (used to make turpentine) would collect on the plate and flow into buckets below it. The lake trail allows you to see a number of water fowl, including great blue herons. Other wildlife you may see on either trail includes whitetail deer, marsh rabbits, alligators, gopher tortoises and the giant Indigo snake. Open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Parking is \$3. Additional fee for pool, canoe rental,

campsites and picnic shelters.

Though separate from the park, the Lakes at Laura Walker is an 18-hole golf course made for those folks who don't know how to fish or those who just like to hit something when they go for a walk (800-434-0982). Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekday fees with golf cart are \$33 plus tax; weekends and holidays fees are \$38.

There is a lot for the Family to do in and around Waycross, more than can be done in a day. Plan consecutive trips to see all the sites then re-visit the kids' favorites. The Great Okefenokee is a place of unspoiled natural beauty. Go there and experience it for yourself. ■





# Spiritual Fitness

**“The Soldier’s heart, the Soldier’s spirit, and the Soldier’s soul are everything. Unless the Soldier’s soul sustains him, he cannot be relied on and will fail himself, his commander, his country in the end.”**

*General George C. Marshall*

## Faith Group Awareness

FGAP is an educational series devoted to increasing understanding and tolerance among faith groups. Each quarter a distinctive faith group is showcased. FGAP is open to all Soldiers, their Families and DA civilians. POC is Mike Iliff 767-9789.

## Operation Helping Hand (OHH)

The Commander’s ongoing emergency food assistance program for Soldiers and their Families. OHH is managed by the installation chaplain and funded by chapel tithes and offerings and private donations.

The POC is your unit chaplain.

With A Bounty Of Best Wishes

At Thanksgiving

**Mayor’s Thanksgiving Service**

**Main Post Chapel  
7 p.m. Nov. 23**

## Kid’s Church

Our children are the Church of the future. Our Kid’s Church Team demonstrates the Gospel of Christ through puppets, dramatic skits, hands-on experiments, crafts and Biblical teachings. Kid’s Church is held 11 a.m. each Sunday at School Age Services (across from Diamond Elementary school) at Stewart, and 9 a.m. at Hunter Chapel’s Fellowship Hall.



## Chapel Schedule

### Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	.5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	.9 a.m.

Protestant	Location	Time
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids’ Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	.9:30 a.m.

Islamic	Location	Time
Friday Jum’ah	Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546		

Jewish	Location	Time
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.

### Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Chapel	.11 a.m.

Protestant	Location	Time
Sunday Service	Chapel	.9 a.m.

### Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.  
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.  
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.



## Youth Ministry

Sunday night (6:30 to 8 p.m.) at Bryan Village

Youth Center is a night of energy, excitement and fun. Our Youth Ministry revolves around prayer, praise, and a message addressing contemporary youth topics.